



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Diane Vegetation Fuel Reduction Project Phase 2		
PROJECT LOCATION	Approximately three air miles south and southeast of the community of Susanville.	COUNTY	Lassen
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A vegetation fuel reduction project is being proposed on portions of land parcels of a number of private property owners in conjunction with CAL FIRE. The main purpose of the proposed project is to maintain/establish an approximate 11 acre vegetation fuel reduction zone along or through portions of Diamond Crest Ranchos Sub Division and other property owners. Portions of the proposed project border the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Bass Hill Wildlife Area. The proposed project area has received some form of land management in the past such as residential development, road construction, vegetation management, livestock management and grazing. The vegetation generally consists of brush, grass and forbs with a minor number of trees. In general, the proposed project will involve the treatment of both live and dead vegetation in the project area. Trees are not proposed for treatment with the exception of some minor pruning of lower limbs. Vegetation in or immediately adjacent to watercourses will not be treated. The treatment method should largely consist of hand cutting and piling of the vegetation utilizing various hand held powered and unpowered tools. Treatment of the vegetation piles will most likely consist of burning when conditions are safe. However, if available, a towable chipper may be used where feasible at any time of the year to chip the piles and scatter the material on site. Maintenance efforts may also take place well into the future. CAL FIRE Conservation Camp crews (inmates with a CAL FIRE Captain as overhead) will most likely do the physical work.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 - §15301 (Existing Facilities)
Class 4 - §15304 (Minor Alterations to the Land)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the Class 1 - §15301 (Existing Facilities) & Class 4; §15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Lassen-Modoc-Plumas Unit Headquarters located in Susanville, California.

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